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Attached for filing is the patent application of:

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Entitled: CATALYST FOR PRODUCTION OF A POLYURETHANE RESIN AND METHOD FOR  
PRODUCING A POLYURETHANE RESIN

and including attachments as noted below:

- ☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☒ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract  
97 pages of specification and claims (including 27 numbered claims), and  
0 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.  
☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed
2001-152362	Japan	22 May 2001
2001-200957	Japan	2 July 201
2001-250674	Japan	21 August 2001
2001-301647	Japan	28 September 2001
2002-007516	Japan	16 January 2002

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

- ☒ Certified copy(ies) filed on August 2, 2002 in prior appln. no. 10/151,288 filed May 21, 2002  
☒ This application is a ☐ continuation/☒ division/☐ continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/151,288, filed May 21, 2002, (allowed), now U.S. Patent \_\_\_\_\_, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.  
☐ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.  
☒ The prior application is assigned to Tosoh Corporation, Yamaguchi-ken, Japan.  
☒ It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached.  
☒ Please enter the attached preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:  
☒ Also attached: ☒ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; ☐ Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; ☐ Other:

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Basic Filing Fee			\$	770.00
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Independent claims	5	- 3 (at least 3) =	2 x \$ 86.00	\$ 172.00
If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$290.00 (ignore improper)			\$	0.00
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	\$ 942.00
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			<b>SECOND SUBTOTAL</b>	\$ 942.00
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